Dear Sir,

Philadelphia December 14. 1778.

I had promised myself the Pleasure of seeing you and your good Lady long ere this in Philadelphia; but I despair now to despair of having that Satisfaction before the Spring, as the Season I am afraid is too far advanced for Mrs Hancock to travel. You will no doubt before the receipt of this have heard of the Revolution in our Chair. Mr Laurens's Resignation was very sudden & unexpected. On Mr Deane's Publication appearing in the Papers, Mr Laurens made a Motion to the following effect, "That a Committee of Three might be appointed, to consider and report specially upon the Contents of a printed Letter signed S. Deane which had appeared in Mr Dunlap's Paper, as it contained in his opinion Articles highly derogatory to the Honor and Interests of these united States." — An Amendment was offered. (Viz.) "That the Printed Letter be read." which being put to the question passed in the Negative, and the original motion was over-ruled by calling for the Order of the Day. I observed that he was greatly chagrined; but did not in the least suspect the consequences. A few mornings afterwards, as soon as Congress was opened, he rose, after giving us his reasons, which he had committed to writing, formally resigned. — After recovering a little from the Surprise, a Motion resolved that at 10 o'clock the next Day We should proceed to the Election of a New President when Mr Jay was chosen by Eight the Vote of Eight States. — I am inclined to think that you escaped the painful Pre-eminence by being absent. — I send you enclosed the last Paper to which must refer you for other News. — My respectful Compliments to Mrs Hancock, and be assured, Sir

that I am, with sincere esteem

your very hble Sr.

Richd Hutson. —

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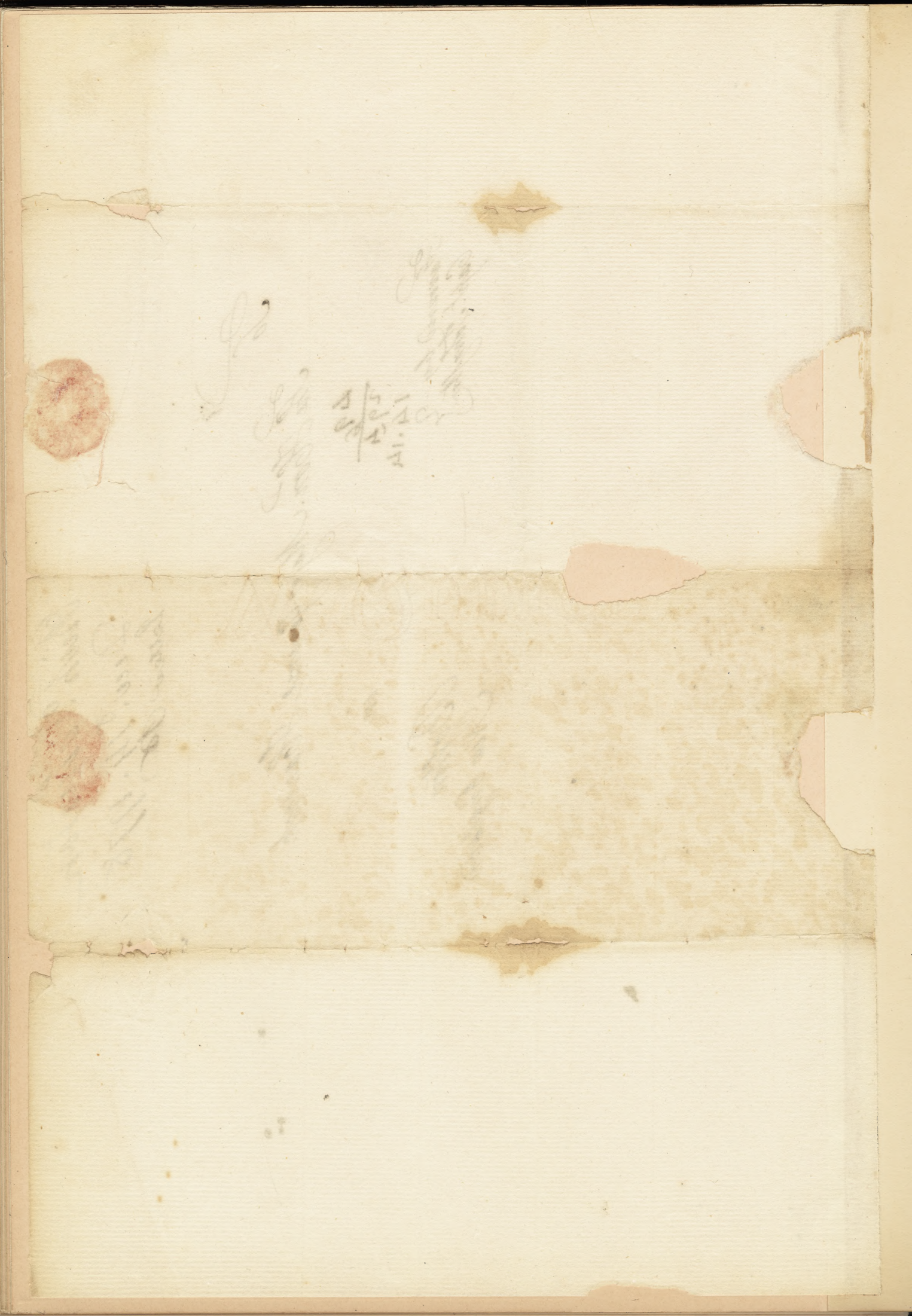

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The Hon.r Major General Heath

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